18.     [AMENDED]  A method, comprising:

providing a processing unit;

inputting a second account identifier to said processing unit;

transmitting the second account identifier for verification thereof;

receiving information regarding authorization of a transaction based on said verification; and

outputting the information regarding authorization of the transaction,

wherein the second account identifier is an account identifier for use in place of a first account identifier and is specific to the transaction.

Please **ADD** claims 26 through 34 as follows:

-- 26.   (NEW)  The method of claim 18, wherein the second account identifier is transmitted to an issuer associated with the first account identifier.

27.     (NEW)  The method of claim 18, wherein the processing unit is associated with a merchant.

28.     (NEW)  The method of claim 18, wherein the second account identifier is received from a customer as a means of payment for the transaction.

29.     (NEW)  The method of claim 28, further comprising:

causing to be delivered to the customer, after receiving information regarding authorization of the transaction, at least one of at least one good and at least one service associated with the transaction.

30.     (NEW)  The method of claim 28, wherein the transaction comprises a transaction conducted over at least one of the Internet and the telephone.

31.     (NEW)  The method of claim 28, wherein the customer is in a location that is remote from the processing unit.

32.     (NEW)  The method of claim 18, wherein the information regarding authorization includes an authorization code.

33.     (NEW)  The method of claim 18, wherein the processing unit is in communication with a central credit card processing system maintained by a credit card issuer.

34.     (NEW)  The method of claim 18, wherein the second account identifier comprises a sixteen-digit identifier. --